



Date: November 10th 2010
Subject: Implementation of GHS / CLP will affect our product labels & SDS's you receive

Dear Customer,

Please be informed that the implementation of GHS / CLP will introduce new and different classification & labeling data on the SDS's and labels of products that you will receive from SACHEM.

GHS - A harmonized global system for the classification and labeling of chemicals

One of the objectives agreed at the 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development was the development of a harmonized global system of classifying and labeling of hazardous and toxic chemicals. In 2003 a Purple Book was published on a "Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS)."

In January 2009 the European Union introduced the GHS in Europe via the new Regulation on the classification, labeling and packaging of substances and mixtures (CLP Regulation 1272/2008). In a phased process this will replace the old labels of hazard symbols, risk phrases & safety phrases into the new CLP labels. New pictograms are used to warn of hazards, together with warning terms such as "Danger" or "Beware" based on risk level, hazard statements and precautionary statements.

The new CLP labels have to be included on our product labels & SDS's for substances by December 1, 2010 and for mixtures by June 1, 2015. A further two-year transition period is permitted for substances and mixtures already placed on the market before December 1, 2010.

GHS / CLP at SACHEM

SACHEM Europe BV has set up a team and is taking all necessary measures to comply with new CLP classification & labeling requirements.

When you receive products from us that are a substance, you can expect the following from December 2010 onwards:

1. Updated labels containing only the new CLP label information
2. Updated SDS's containing the new CLP label but also the old label information.

When you receive products from us that are mixtures (preparations), up to 2015 we will gradually update our labels from the old label (R- and S- phrases) to the new CLP labels in combination with the replacement of the old label for the new CLP label in the relevant product SDS's.

Furthermore you can expect updated SDS's when there is relevant REACH compliance data to include (e.g. the registration number becomes available).



What does it mean for you?

Please expect and be ready for the updated label & SDS information. We recommend you to take notice of the downstream user requirements from REACH (article 37-39) and of your own classification & labeling requirements under the new CLP regulation.

Please feel free to contact us if you need clarification, if you have questions or let us know how we can be of further support.

Kind regards,

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